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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

City Treasurer Dealey received \$400 yesterday in payment of a liquor license.

Another One—
Antoneous Kertatis, a native of Greece has announced his intention to become an American citizen.

Marriage License—
A marriage license was issued yesterday to W. Lee Macquarrie and Cora Cochraue, both of Astoria.

Last Warning—
Remember today is the last day to pay water rents, to save the 25 cents delinquency.

A Happy Father—
Sig Owens was kept busy shaking his friends hands, yesterday. Mrs. Owens presented him with a 104-pound boy just before noon, and now Sig is "all swelled up."

New Map of Oregon—
The Chamber of Commerce is sending a photo map of Oregon, to interested persons, showing the railroad lines of the State. They are also rushing the common-point rate matter as fast as possible.

Progressing Nicely—
Contractor Lebeck, who is building the wharf at Fort Stevens, yesterday sent a tug to Seppose yesterday to bring down a raft of piling. If the weather continues good he will have his contract finished by January 1.

For Thirty Days More—
Chas. H. Heilborn & Company will fall in line with the popular will so far as their 20 per cent discount sale is concerned, and the big advantage will belong to the Christmas shoppers as well as to the ordinary buyer.

No Financial Stringency—
There is no evidence of any money stringency apparent at the office of the water commission, and Clerk Lounsbury was busy yesterday taking in money with both hands. Today is the last day on which to pay water rates without having a delinquency penalty of 25 cents added.

Workmen Elect Officers—
Seaside Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Order United Workmen, at its regular meeting on Saturday evening elected the following officer: P. M. A. L. Clark; M. W. Wm. Ross; foreman, A. R. Cyrus; overseer, M. H. Gray; recorder, Patrick Shea; financier, F. D. Winton; receiver, J. O. Higgins; trustee, J. A. Montgomery; guide, Wm. C. A. Pohl; inside watchman, A. L. Steele; outside watchman, O. F. Morton; medical examiners, Drs. Pilkington and Estes.

New Weekly Paper—
A new weekly paper, "The Astoria Leader," made its appearance on Saturday last. It presents a neat typographical appearance, is printed on good paper and its illustrations are fine. Editor Thornyke proposes to run a paper in a field that he declares is open for a weekly paper. The advertising columns are well filled and the special articles are interesting.

District Conference—
The Portland District Preachers' Conference convenes today at 2:00 p. M. in the M. E. Church. At 7:30 this evening Rev. W. R. Jeffrey, Jr., will give an address. Following this address a social and reception for the visiting preachers, members of friends of the church will be given. This conference is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Requests Change—
E. Z. Ferguson, for the Hammond Lumber Company, has petitioned the Mayor and City Council requesting that changes be made on the lien docket of the city's records, as to the lien on lots 6 and 7 in block 94. The assessments have been paid on the property and the petition requests that the proper notations be made to clear the title to the property.

Well Satisfied—
The Knappton Mills have closed down and have paid the men in full, in checks which were cashed in Astoria. The men are well pleased with the treatment accorded them and will be anxious to return to work when the mills open up again, which, it is expected, will be January 1st. A few men are engaged in looking after the plant and are drawing the regular wages paid during the summer.

Now at City Hall—
City Attorney Charles Abercrombie has removed from his old quarters at 594 Commercial street, and will, henceforth be found at his office on the second floor of the City Hall. 11-30-tf.

Notice to the Public:

On and after Dec. 1st, 1907, all charge accounts will be discontinued and purchases made at this store will be strictly on a CASH basis

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That Dollar Dinner—
Arrangements for the dollar dinner, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, are progressing favorably and the dinner is certain to be a success, the gentlemen of the committee of arrangements having done everything possible to make the occasion a milestone in the city's commercial history. An impression has gained ground that only members of the Chamber can be present. The Astorian has been asked to correct the impression and to announce that anyone can be present at the dinner, which calls upon Manager Whyte at the Chamber of Commerce rooms and obtains a ticket for the dinner. At the seating capacity at the table will be limited to 125 persons, it behooves those gentlemen who wish to be present and have not as yet obtained tickets to do so at once as over 70 of the seats are now taken.

Will Take a Trip—
Manager Humphreys, of the Postal Telegraph Co., accompanied by Mrs. Humphreys, will leave tonight for a two weeks' trip to Southern Oregon. Their many friends in Astoria will wish them a pleasant and safe trip and hope they will thoroughly enjoy it. Mr. Humphreys, through his affable manner and genial personality has many friends in Astoria and his pleasant face will be missed in this city even though his absence be but for a fortnight.

They Extend the Benefit—
So long as the people heartily approve the sale, Chas. H. Heilborn & Company will extend the 20 per cent discount sale of furniture, for the balance of December; therefore the buyers of Christmas things in their line, will meet with the valuable concession for that period.

Finnish Paper—
The Toveri (Comrade), is the name of a new Finnish paper, which has been launched on the journalistic seas. It will be a semi-weekly, published in the Finnish language, and will no doubt have a large circulation among its people. It is an eight-page paper of good appearance and will be socialistic in its principles.

Works Both Ways—
The furniture house of Chas. H. Heilborn & Company intend to keep pace with the holiday wants of the people and have extended the benefit of their one-fifth-off sale through the month of December, in order that the real holiday buyers may have the advantage of the bargains.

TO THE HOLIDAYS.

Astoria's genial city treasurer has been flirting with the goddess Calliope and the following couplets are the results of his seduction by the Muse:

There are three hundred sixty-five days in one year

The end of which will soon be here. Now kind friends don't be mistaken; This can't be prolonged by proclamation.

Have you noticed how we jog along through holidays, Which banks did plan, the people think them evil days.

For every day there is some crank; Advising a run upon some bank, Eac be it saving, loan, or trust, The people say it's going to bust. And if they say so, it can't endure; If they withdraw their money it's busted sure.

When evil rumors come to stay; Banks will burst even on a holiday. There is now no solon with iron penny, Whose wisdom will stand against gold money.

So come along with your hidden hoard, And assist our banks to bear the load. For if you don't we are undone, No holiday can stop a run.

THE STAR THEATRE.

Standing room only was the order last night at the Star Theatre when the first number of an excellent program appeared. McGee & Collins, who are hold-overs from last week, appeared in eccentric talking, singing and dancing, and entertained their audience finely.

Dick Hutchins, who has become a familiar figure, was at his best in his illustrated song, "Some One Thinks of Some One."

A black fate comedy entitled "Wanted, a Nurse," was the offering of "The Morelles," and roars of laughter greeted their efforts.

Joe Magee is, what he is advertised to be, a funny man, his singing and dancing being something out of the ordinary. The moving picture, "The Piker's Dream" is ludicrous, yet natural.

The closing farce "Hats" was a fine wind up and pleased those sitting and standing.

PRACTICE CRUISE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The cruiser California arrived in port yesterday from Puget Sound where she received an overhauling. She was in charge of her new commander, Captain V. L. Cottman, who has been stationed at the Bremerton Navy Yard for several years. The California will remain here until the end of the week when she will leave for Magdalena Bay on a practice cruise.

PERSONAL MENTION

H. Wise, hailing from Greater Astoria, is registered at the Occident. Mr. Wise, no doubt, has noted our possibilities and has been conversing with his illustrious namesake. He's not foolish as his name and registration shows.

Mrs. C. P. Lawrence and son, of Baker City, Oregon, arrived in the city Sunday night and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Gus Schoenbaechler.

W. J. White, of Portland, arrived in Astoria yesterday.

W. R. Williams, of Chinook, is registered at the Occident.

R. L. Johnson, better known as "Shorty," of Knappton, Wash., is in the city and will remain a few days.

DONE BY DEEDS.

Columbia Harbor Land Co. to Elsie Evenden, lots 7 and 8, block 81, Columbia Co.'s tract. \$550

E. A. Inquist and wife to Jacob Edison, one-third in certain lots in Astoria. 5

J. Q. A. Bowly and wife to Clark Long, west 1-2 of lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, in tract No. 2, Olney's. 1

Up To New Year's Day—
Since the sale seems to be so popular, Charles H. Heilborn & Company intend to keep their discount schedules going during December, in order to make it feasible for Christmas shoppers to get the benefit.

CURRENCY REFORM CHIEF NEED.
Our Business Must be Too Large for the Antique System in Force. A Central Bank of Issue Necessary.

With a currency circulation of \$32.46 per capita, this country has been trying in vain to keep moving a business totaling about \$1850 per capita annually.

What wonder that the country is plunged, periodically, into panic and paralysis? What wonder it is necessary to suspend money payments and go to a clearing house certificate basis until the banks can collect enough currency to make a new start on the old lines?

Our national wealth is rated at \$1310 per capita, and our primary productive turn-over is above \$100 per capita; but the Government gives us only \$32.50 per capita in money to facilitate the exchange of commodities.

Just look at this contrast: The law requires a bank to keep \$15 to \$25 in cash as a reserve against each \$100 of deposits, so that payment on demand will be assured; and yet the Government furnishes the people with only \$1.18 in currency for each \$100 of our farm and mine products. The banks keep a 25 per cent reserve; but the government gives the people a circulating medium of only \$32.46 against every \$1310 of wealth.

Of course there is trouble—not because we haven't enough property to be solvent, and much more, but because we haven't enough currency in circulation to meet the cash needs of buyers and sellers—of debtors and creditors.

Meantime, the prime commercial credit which underlies clearing of \$158,000,000 a year, is allowed to go to waste. This credit, properly used by a central bank of issue, would give the people an abundance of sound bank notes at all times. Then outrageous fluctuations of interest rates would cease forever, and "scrip" would be no more. There is no patriotism higher, no service for the commonwealth more necessary, no benefaction more general, than this: Every intelligent American should consider it a duty to urge his Representative in Congress to vote for currency reform.

We can see no other feasible way of giving the people sure, safe, and permanent relief from the dangers and vexation of the present bond-secured currency system.

A CREEDLESS CHURCH.

New York's Great Sunday Night Congregation at Cooper Union.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Among New York's religious institutions the most remarkable as it certainly is the best attended is that which holds its meetings every Sunday night in famous Cooper Union where so many historic audiences have gathered. The congregation is regularly over three thousand, that is it is limited only by the capacity of the hall, and there is no lack of interest in the proceedings. There is no pulpit and no preaching in the ordinary sense although the leading clergyman of almost all denominations occupy the platform at various times. Another odd feature is that those who occupy the pews, or rather the chairs, are allowed to ask questions and are encouraged to express their own views. The meetings are part of the work of the People's Institute and Director Charles Sprague Smith, who founded this unique Sunday institution, calls it "a creedless church for the churchless people." As a matter of fact there is a creed but it is broad enough so that only the pronounced atheist

SCHOOL REPORT AND ESTIMATE FOR 1908

The following table shows the resources and expenses of Astoria School District for 1907, and the School Superintendent's estimates for 1908, and the report will be read before the meeting of the taxpayers called for tonight: Report of A. L. Clark, clerk of School District No. 1, Clatsop County, Oregon, for the year ending November 30, 1907:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
General Fund.		General Fund.	
Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1906	\$ 8,192.47	Bond interest	\$ 2,835.00
From County Treasurer, Special Tax, 8 mills, 1906	16,465.24	Superintendent's salary	1,500.00
From County Treasurer, Old Rolls	217.50	Clerk's salary	300.00
From County Treasurer, County apportionment	17,858.08	Teachers' salary	21,781.17
From County Treasurer, State apportionment	4,176.20	Janitors' salary	2,544.99
Tuition	73.00	Fuel	492.40
Return insurance, A. Johansen	5.00	Water	372.30
Sale of warrants of Nov. 1, 1907	18,250.00	Supplies	681.46
	\$65,338.00	Miscellaneous expense	1,536.93
		Building and Repair Fund.	
		High school	\$ 4.75
		McClure school	1,879.39
		Shively school	18.00
		Adair school, Rep.	\$5,020.95
		Adair school, R. E.	2,482.40
		Alderbrook school	19.70
		Olney school	26.19
		Taylor school	10,919.31
		Superintendent's office	7.50
		Miscellaneous repairs	102.39
			\$20,290.58
Balance	\$62,324.83		
Less old warrants outstanding	\$12,913.25		
	2.90		
Available cash on hand Dec. 1, 1907	\$12,910.36		
Certified check, hands of clerk	\$ 300.00		
Cash in bank	13,701.26		
	\$14,001.56		
Less warrants outstanding	1,000.90		
Cash available	\$12,910.36		
Estimates for 12 months ending Nov. 30, 1908:			
Source of Income.	Estimates	Received	Estimates
	1907	1907	1908
Sale of Warrants			\$ 750.00
County apportionment	\$18,500.00	\$17,858.68	18,000.00
State apportionment	5,000.00	4,176.20	4,000.00
Special levy, 8 mills	16,174.00	16,465.24	20,806.18
Tuition	75.00	73.00	75.00
Taxes, old rolls	0.00	217.50	0.00
Cash on hand, Dec. 1, 1907			12,910.36
			\$56,541.54
Source of Expense.	Estimates	Paid out	Estimates
Teachers' salaries	\$22,000.00	\$21,781.17	\$22,000.00
Janitors' salaries	2,425.00	2,544.99	2,900.00
Clerk's salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Superintendent's salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00	681.46	1,000.00
Miscellaneous expense		1,536.93	1,000.00
Fuel	1,200.00	492.40	2,800.00
Water	405.00	372.30	450.00
Electric power service			100.00
Total for schools	\$28,830.00	\$29,209.25	\$31,050.00
Bond interest	2,835.00	2,835.00	3,720.00
Interest on warrants			950.00
Warrants due Nov. 1, 1908			3,000.00
Repairs and improvements	4,000.00	20,280.58	10,000.00
Insurance	1,082.00	996.90	320.00
Office rent, light and water			160.00
Total			\$50,100.00
Estimated balance			\$ 6,441.54

Respectfully submitted, A. L. CLARK, Clerk of School Dist. No. 1.

would be likely to quarrel with it, for it merely recognizes "that unseen power which works for good." Mr. Smith explains that he founded his church to appeal to those who would not go to ordinary churches and he seems to have accomplished his purpose. Some of the pastors of the more wealthy and fashionable uptown churches have sighed as they looked upon the enthusiastic crowds that fill the walls of Cooper Union to the bursting point and have wished that they could find a way of filling their own pews as well, but so far none of them has had the courage to adopt Mr. Smith's methods.

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